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## **ISSUE OF INSECURITY IN NIGERIA**

Insecurity has been a major challenge in Nigeria in recent times. Different activities had led to loss of lives and properties in the country. Lives have been lost and large numbers of citizens have been rendered homeless. We are made to believe that the government had made frantic efforts to tackle this problem but still the rate of insurgency and insecurity is alarming.

Some of these activities include kidnapping, rape, armed robbery, murder, political crises, destruction of public properties, churches and so on. The issue of rape is one of the major cases. Reports have been seen all over the media of women who have been raped and killed right after. Women have voiced their fears but that can only do nothing.

The killing of people in the northern part of Nigeria is another pressing issue. Innocent lives have been lost due to killings by the Fulani herdsmen and Boko Haram whose reasons for such acts cannot be grasped. There have also been incidents of burning of churches and police stations and kidnapping of young girls in the northern part of Nigeria.

Recently, due to the lockdown, the empty shops of citizens in their homes were robbed by a group of delinquents in broad daylight. The citizens complain of their properties not being safe while they are home observing the lockdown.

Scratching out the insurgent and reckless individuals, Nigeria has become a country where even the officials meant to provide security attack the citizens. There have been many cases where a police officer will shoot a citizen dead for no justifiable reason. Bribery and corruption has made it possible to create holes in the security system. Police officers are easily bribed to look the other and in different cases officers have to be bribed before one can be attended to.

The problem of insecurity in Nigeria, among other issues is a significant challenge that leaves citizens in perpetual fear every day, for this reason, people may find it difficult to trust one another and thereby causing social anxiety among the citizens of the country.

It is an appeal to the government to develop ways to curb this problem. The government should beef up the security system. It is also important to set an example by prosecuting security officials that attack and kill citizens for no just reason. Also, police officers that take bribes should be dealt with.

The citizens also have a role to play in ensuring the security of the country. Citizens should pay attention to their surroundings and report any suspicious persons or activities going on in their neighbourhood. In that way, the citizens can help the government in ensuring security.